### American Academy of Sanitarians Wagner Award Recipients

Thomas E. Crow	2010
George M. Nakamura	2009
No Award Presented	2008
Harry E. Grenawitzke	2007
Joseph E. Beck	2006
Dr. Ginger L. Gist	2005
Gary E. Coleman	2004
No Award Presented	2003
Dr. Welford C. Roberts	2002
James J. Balsamo Jr.	2001
CAPT Gary P. Noonan	2000
COL Anthony Aiken	1999
No Award Presented	1998
Dr. Franklin Carver	1997
Dr. Robert W. Powitz	1996
RADM Webster Young Jr.	1995
No Award Presented	1994
Charles Dee Clingman	1993
CAPT Bruce R. Chelikowsky	1992
Worley Johnson, Jr.	1991
George A. Kupfer	1990
No Award Presented	1989
Dale H. Treusdell	1988
Richard A. Moats	1987
No Award Presented	1986
Dr. Geswaldo A. Verrone	1985
Larry J. Gordon	1984
Dr. John G. Todd	1983
John P. Nordin	1982
Richard L. Roberts	1981

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# Davis Calvin Wagner Award Craig A. Shepherd



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#### The Davis Calvin Wagner Award

The Davis Calvin Wagner Award represents the highest honor the American Academy of Sanitarians bestows upon a Diplomate. The Award is conferred for exceptional leadership ability, professional commitment, outstanding resourcefulness, dedication and accomplishments in advancing the Sanitarian profession and public health programs.

The **Davis Calvin Wagner Award** was established by the American Academy of Sanitarians in 1980 as a result of a bequest from the late Carruth J. Wagner, M.D. (1918 – 2002). This award is to honor the memory of his deceased brother, Davis Calvin Wagner. Dr. Wagner made an additional bequest in 1999 to ensure the perpetuity of the award fund.

Dr. Wagner had a long and distinguished career in preventive medicine and public health. He served four U.S. presidents: Dwight Eisenhower, John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon. He held the Public Health Service Rank of Assistant Surgeon General. In his remarkable career he served as Director of the Bureau of Health Services and Chief of the Division of Health Mobilization. In 1962, at the height of the Cuban Missile Crisis, Wagner was responsible for health mobilization in the event of nuclear, biological or chemical warfare. He served as Director of the Indian Health Service; he also held the position of Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Throughout his career, he championed and advocated for the Sanitarian profession, he felt that Sanitarians are a leading and vital member of the public health team. He was noted for his appointment of exceptionally qualified Sanitarians to key positions in federal public health programs. Dr. Wagner was dedicated to the education and training of health professionals and established a number of scholarships for medical and nursing students. His legacy of providing scholarships is continued through the Carruth J. Wagner Foundation.

The recipient of the Davis Calvin Wagner Award is presented with a plaque and a \$750 honorarium at the Academy's Award reception that is held at the Annual Educational Conference of the National Environmental Health Association.

### Craig A. Shepherd, Captain, USPHS (Ret.) Wagner Award Recipient 2011

During a career which spans more than thirty years of dedicated and outstanding service, Craig A. Shepherd has exemplified the finest tradition and spirit of a true environmental health professional. Mr. Shepherd's career began soon after receiving his Bachelors of Science degree from the University of Maryland in 1978. Since his active duty commission in July 1979 he has served with distinction in a wide variety of environmental public health and management assignments in the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps.

His career spanned the full range of environmental health, beginning as an environmental health specialist with the Alcohol Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration assigned to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D.C. and culminating as the Chief Environmental Health Officer of the USPHS assigned to the National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia. He was appointed to his four-year term as Chief Environmental Health Officer by Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona on November 1, 2005. Captain Shepherd retired January 1, 2010, with more than 30 years of exemplary service in the USPHS. In August 2010, Mr. Shepherd accepted a position with the Tennessee Department of Health, Nashville, Tennessee as the Emergency Preparedness Program Director.

Captain Shepherd's distinguished career is studded with many outstanding accomplishments. His career has been characterized by integrity, commitment and unselfish giving of himself resulting in a career of achievement which stands as an inspiration to his colleagues in the broad and varied scope of public and environmental health services.